

# Summary Report: Oklahoma Water Supply Reliability and Management Challenge

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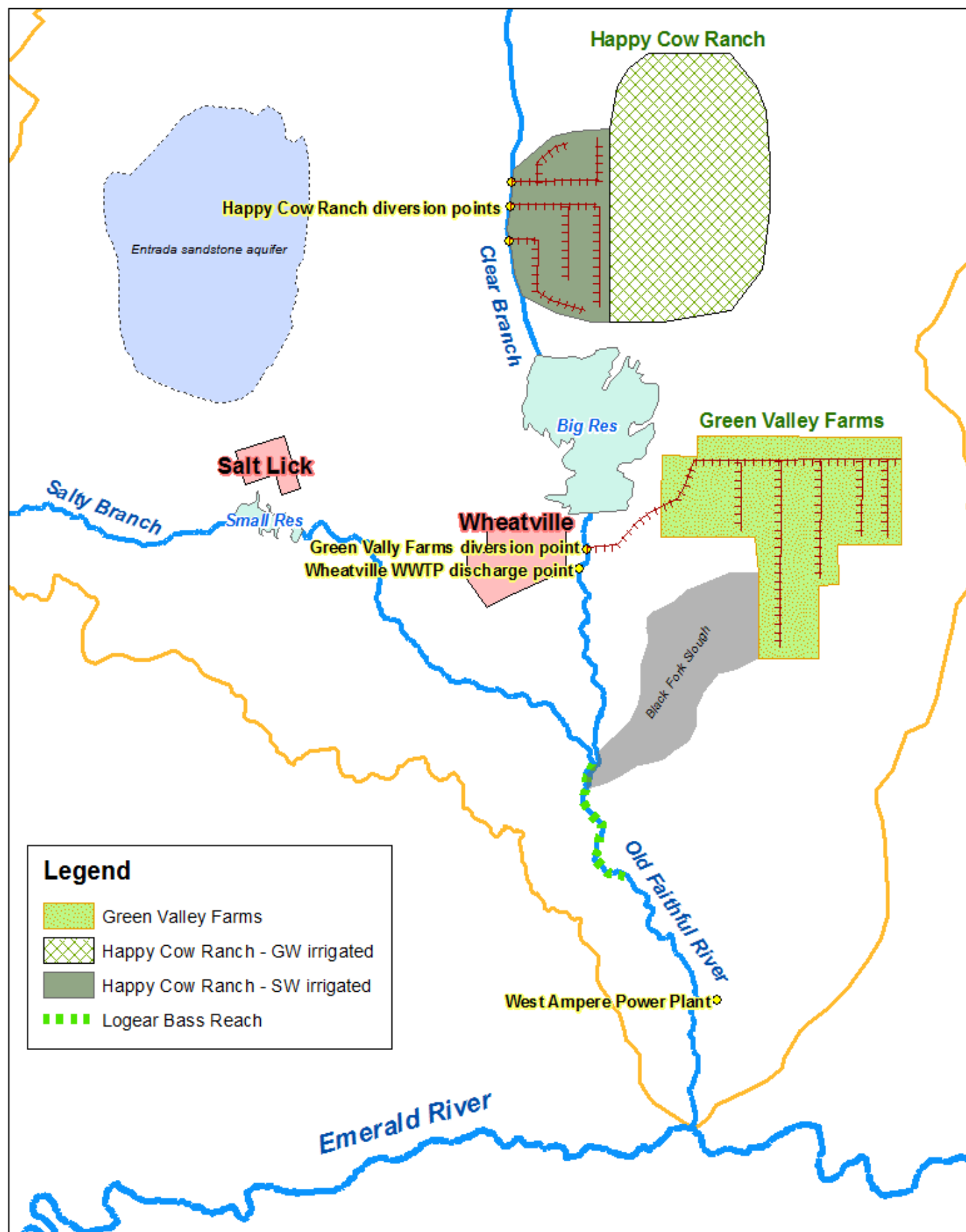
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# Why do it?

- Collaboration
- Agriculture/Industry
  - ODAFF
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  - ODTR
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  - Lake Texoma Association
  - Chickasaw National Recreation Area
- Water Supply Interests
  - Oklahoma Rural Water Assoc.
  - City of Norman
  - City of Lawton
  - Osage RWD #15
  - Oklahoma City Water Utilities
  - Central OK Master Conservancy District
- Energy Interest
  - Oklahoma General Electric
  - Public Service of Oklahoma
  - Devon Energy
  - Continental Resources
  - Ward Petroleum
- Conservation Groups
  - Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts
  - Nature Conservancy
  - Oklahomans for Responsible Water Policy
  - Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation
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  - US Fish and Wildlife
  - Washita National Wildlife Refuge

# Why do it?

- Seeing other views- without specificity
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- Lower stakes discussion
  - Hypothetical Scenario
- Educate Stakeholders
  - Why they think the way they think
    - Enlighten decision makers

# Complaints

- Referees
- I recommend doing it with  
legislators exclusively
  - They want to be included in water debate
  - Lower stakes
  - Play a role of stakeholder not legislator
  - No penalty for opinions

# Drought.ok.gov

Water Use Permitting

Financial Assistance

Well Drilling

Water Quality Standards

Monitoring & Assessment

Groundwater Studies

Surface Water Studies

Dam Safety

Floodplain Management

Drought Monitoring

Data & Maps

Oklahoma Drought  
Management Plan



**OKLAHOMA  
Drought Tool**

Oklahoma Drought Tool

OK Water Supply Reliability  
and Management Challenge

## Drought Monitoring

A number of valuable resources to monitor drought conditions in Oklahoma are available from state and federal organizations and agencies.

The OWRB has served as chair of the Water Availability and Outlook Committee of the state's Drought Management Team since 1996 and regularly publishes the *Oklahoma Water Resources Bulletin*, the state's official drought monitoring publication, which includes current information on reservoir storage, streamflow conditions, crop conditions, weather conditions, and related factors.



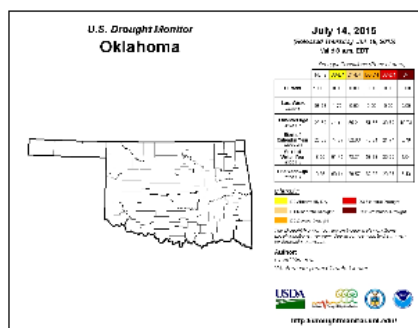
Oklahomans affected by drought

**Oklahoma Water  
Resources Bulletin**

**WATER FOR 2060**  
EFFICIENCY • CONSERVATION • RECYCLING • REUSE

### Drought Monitor

#### Drought Monitor for Oklahoma



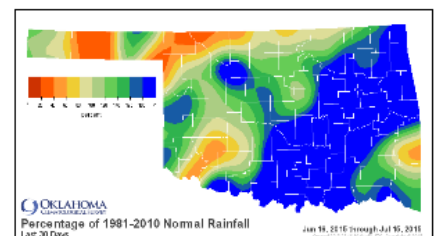
U.S. Drought Monitor  
(National Drought Mitigation Center)

### Reservoir Storage

#### OWRB Lake Level and Streamflow Conditions Map & Data Viewer

### Precipitation & Climate

#### Percentage of Normal Rainfall (Last 30 Days)



Current Drought & Wildfire Conditions (OK Climatological  
Survey)

Oklahoma Mesonet [Mesonet Ticker]

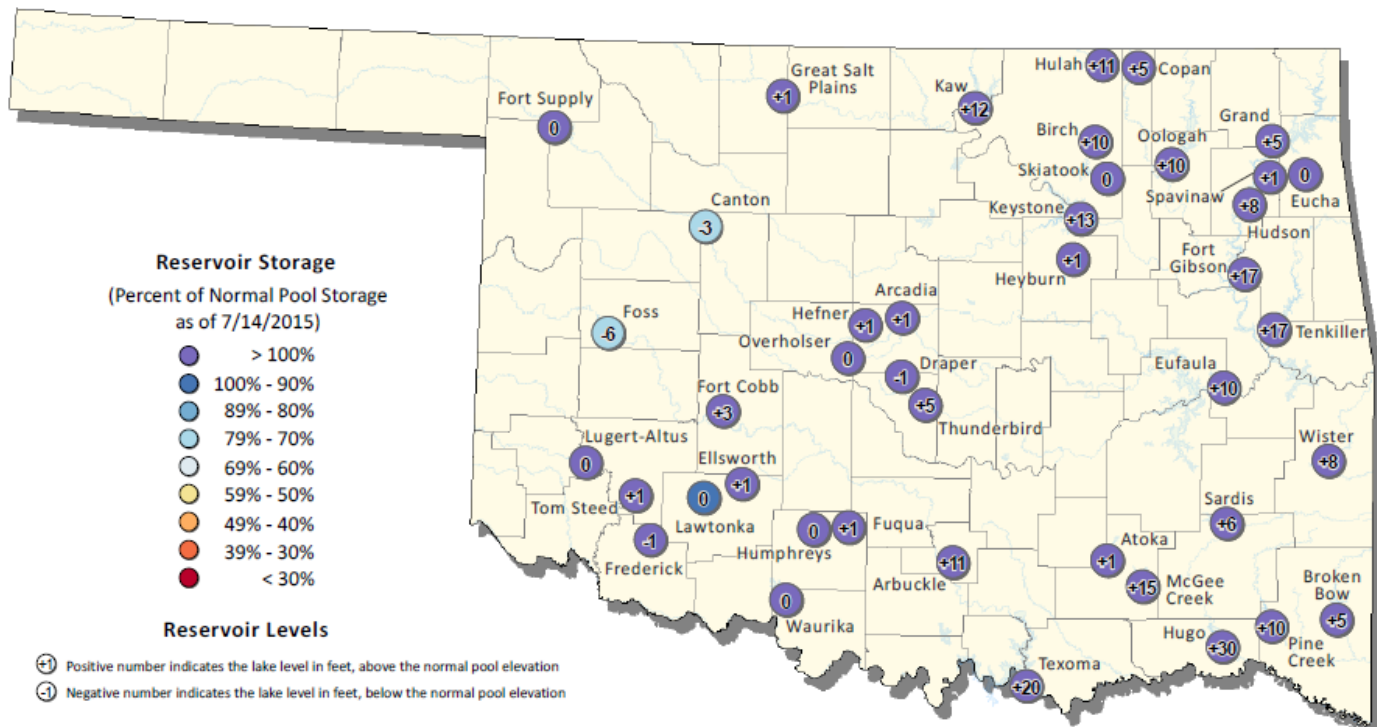
Statewide Precipitation (1895-2013)

### Streamflow Conditions

USGS Departure from Normal Streamflow

## Oklahoma Surface Water Resources

### Reservoir Levels and Storage as of 7/14/2015



This map shows reservoir storage as a percentage of normal pool storage capacity. The source information was collected from real-time lake gages monitored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ([http://www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil/old\\_resvrep.htm](http://www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil/old_resvrep.htm)), and the U.S. Geological Survey ([http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ok/nwis/current/?type=lake&group=key-basin\\_cd](http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ok/nwis/current/?type=lake&group=key-basin_cd)). For more information please visit the OWRB's website at: (<http://www.owrb.ok.gov>)



# Lake levels statewide

Name	Date	Flood Pool Elevation (ft)	Normal Pool Elevation (ft)	Current Elevation (ft)	Lake Level Above or Below Normal Pool Elevation (ft)	Normal Pool Capacity (ac-ft)	Current Capacity (ac-ft)	Current Capacity (%)
<a href="#">Arbuckle</a>	7/14/2015	885.3	872.0	882.84	10.84	62,570	91,496	146%
<a href="#">Arcadia</a>	7/14/2015	1,029.5	1,006.0	1,007.47	1.47	29,206	32,009	110%
<a href="#">Atoka</a>	7/14/2015		590.0	590.93	0.93	123,650	129,000	104%
<a href="#">Birch</a>	7/14/2015	774.0	750.5	760.74	10.24	14,893	28,338	190%
<a href="#">Broken Bow</a>	7/14/2015	627.5	602.5	607.56	5.06	457,749	531,091	116%
<a href="#">Canton</a>	7/14/2015	1,638.0	1,615.4	1,611.95	-3.45	95,845	70,710	74%
<a href="#">Copan</a>	7/14/2015	732.0	710.0	715.43	5.43	33,885	62,184	184%
<a href="#">Draper</a>	7/14/2015		1,191.0	1,189.99	-1.01	87,296	96,410	110%
<a href="#">Ellsworth</a>	7/14/2015		1,232.5	1,233.40	0.90	60,000	64,160	107%
<a href="#">Eucha</a>	7/14/2015		778.0	778.40	0.40	74,456	77,100	104%
<a href="#">Eufaula</a>	7/14/2015	597.0	585.0	594.72	9.72	1,346,325	2,402,006	178%
<a href="#">Fort Cobb</a>	7/14/2015	1,354.8	1,342.0	1,344.69	2.69	72,573	83,459	115%
<a href="#">Fort Gibson</a>	7/14/2015	582.0	554.0	571.27	17.27	53,900	510,467	947%
<a href="#">Fort Supply</a>	7/14/2015	2,028.0	2,004.0	2,004.34	0.34	12,221	12,899	106%
<a href="#">Foss</a>	7/14/2015	1,662.2	1,642.0	1,636.31	-5.69	160,146	124,659	78%
<a href="#">Frederick</a>	7/14/2015		1,200.0	1,199.19	-0.81	9,933	10,880	110%
<a href="#">Fugua</a>	7/14/2015		1,076.0	1,077.14	1.14	21,100	21,660	103%
<a href="#">Grand</a>	7/14/2015	755.0	744.0	748.56	4.56	412,582	614,244	149%
<a href="#">Great Salt Plains</a>	7/14/2015	1,138.5	1,125.0	1,125.87	0.87	25,916	34,968	135%
<a href="#">Hefner</a>	7/14/2015		1,199.0	1,200.32	1.32	69,893	79,010	113%
<a href="#">Houbum</a>	7/14/2015	784.0	761.5	762.15	0.65	3,020	3,470	115%

Corp of Engineers, USGS